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Subj: Tuition Assistance Policy Change

A. Coast Guard Tuition Assistance (TA) Program, COMDTINST 1500.24 (SERIES)

B. Public Law 110-181 Section 521

1. This ALCOAST is an interim change to ref (a). Pen and ink changes are authorized pending the revised instruction.
2. The National Defense Authorization Act 2008 (NDAA) provides changes that specifically include the Coast Guard's tuition assistance program under ref (b). Changes brought about by inclusion of the Coast Guard primarily affect active duty officers and officers of the selected reserve who participate in the Coast Guard tuition assistance program. Compliance with ref (b) will result in the following changes to the Coast Guard tuition assistance policy effective 1 April 2009.
3. Active duty officers who participate in the tuition assistance program will now incur a 2 year service obligation following the completion of the course(s) for which they are using tuition assistance. Officers of the Selected Reserve who participate in the Coast Guard tuition assistance program will incur a 4 year service obligation following the completion of the course(s) for which tuition assistance was used.
4. Changes to the service obligation for Reserve and active duty officers will be reflected on future changes to the Coast Guard tuition assistance request form (CG form 4147). Until this change can be accomplished educational services officers will amend the service obligation section of the tuition assistance form to reflect the change for active duty and reserve officers.
5. The changes to existing policy are effective 1 April 2009. ESOs are particularly encouraged to become knowledgeable of the changes to the ta program. Updated references on the administration and changes to the ta program are available on the Coast Guard institute homepage at <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cgi>.
6. Released by D. R. May, Director of Reserve and Training.
7. Internet release authorized.

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